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FOR MAYNES FROM SORENSON

E.O.11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: WHO PROGRAM BUDGET

1. WE HAVE PICKED UP A VERY DISTURBING REPORT FROM ANOTHER WESTERN MISSION WHICH IS ACTIVE IN CONTACTING WHO IN PREPARATION FOR THE 30TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, A SENIOR WHO OFFICIAL OBTAINED ASSURANCES BY TELEPHONE FROM A SENIOR USG OFFICIAL WHICH HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED TO MEAN THE US WOULD GO ALONG QUIETLY ON THE 1978-79 WHO BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH ITS 12.1 PERCENT OVER-ALL INCREASE. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHO INITIATED THE CALL, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT IT WAS AN IMPROPER CHANNEL FOR A COMMUNICATION OF THIS NATURE BETWEEN AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND THE USG OR THE REVERSE.

2. GIVEN THE USG POSITION STATED BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WHO GENEVA GROUP AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (SEE GENEVA 2828 ON ITEM 2.3), AND THE VIEWS YOU CONVEYED TO THE GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MARCH 29-30, WE MAY BE SEEN
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BY THIS OTHER MISSION TO BE SPEAKING WITH A FORKED TONGUE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE THE SECRETARIAT APPARENTLY FEELS NOW THAT IT HAS OBTAINED THE "REAL" USG SENTIMENT, AND THIS WORD IS NOW FILTERING DOWN THROUGH THE WHO SECRETARIAT. AS WORD SPREADS, OTHER MISSIONS PRESUMABLY WILL DRAW THE SAME CONCLUSION.

3. IF SUCH A CONVERSATION, OR CONVERSATIONS, HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD ON THE WHO SIDE, AND THE IMPRESSIONS THEY LEFT ARE FAULTY -- THAT IS TO SAY, IF USG POSITIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ASSEMBLY ARE BEING DEVELOPED WITHIN A FRAMEWORD OF BUDGETARY RESTRAINT -- THEN I BELIEVE WE SHOULD PUT THESE MIS-IMPRESSIONS QUICKLY INTO FOCUS (WHILE MAINTAINING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE OVERALL, OF COURSE). MY LUNCHEON WITH MAHLER WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, COULD BE A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DOING SO. IN THIS CASE, I WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE.SORENSEN

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